

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Schlatter, et al.

Art Unit: 1616  
Examiner: Pryor, Alton

U.S. Appln No.: 10/576137

Conf. No. 5494

Filed: April 18, 2006

For: Method and Device for Direct Quantitative Determination of Pesticide Seed Loading on Individual Seeds

Action: **Petition for Extension of Time  
Pursuant To 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

Date: December 10, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Office Action of October 17, 2008, has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 17, 2008. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), such that a response to the Office Action is timely if filed by December 17, 2008.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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